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SUBJECT: AMERICAN PRESS SUMMARY

1. HIGHLIGHTS. SUNDAY PAPERS FEATURE SEVEN EX-NIXON AIDES
PLEAD NOT GUILTY TO WATERGATE COVERUP; NYTIMES FRONTPAGES
ARABS APPEAR SPLIT OVER EMBARGO; WASHPOST SAYS EGYPT PRESSES
FOR EMBARGO'S END; BALTSUN FRONTPAGES US AGAIN REBUFFED BY
A UNIFYING EUROPE.

1A. NYTIMES INSIDE HAS MOSCOW, BAHR FAILS TO END DEADLOCK;
US LAG ON ENVOY PUZZLES SWEDEN; DAKAR, SEVEN BAUXITE-
PRODUCING COUNTRIES SIGN ACCORD, AVOID CALLING FOR EMBARGO
OR PRICE RISE; PRESIDENT SHAPIRO OF LABOR ZIONIST ALLIANCE
URGES PASSAGE OF JACKSON AMENDMENT, REJECTS KISSINGER'S
OPPOSITION TO IT.

1B. WASHPOST INSIDE REPORTS SOVIETS UNBLOCK JAPAN'S ROLE IN
SIBERIAN OIL AND GAS; MOSCOW, KAISER, SOVIETS TOUGH ON EGON
BAHR; SOLZHENITSYN REGRETFULLY DECLINES SENATOR HELMS INVI-
TATION TO VISIT US AT PRESENT TIME, SAID HE WAS DEEPLY
TOUCHED BY HELMS' PROPOSAL TO NAME HIM HONORARY US CITIZEN;
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MANILA REPORTS SAQQAF ON SAUDI ARABIA IN BRIEFING WAS TOLD

MORE THAN MILLION PEOPLE HAVE BEEN DISPLACED BY FIGHTING ON JOLO BETWEEN MOSLEM REBELS AND GOVERNMENT TROOPS.

1C. WASHSTAR REPORTS MRS. PATRICIA NIXON SETS OUT TOMORROW ON SIX-DAY TRIP TO VENEZUELA AND BRAZIL ON CEREMONIAL-FILLED VISIT TO DRAMATIZE PRESIDENT NIXON'S EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR IMPROVED HEMISPHERE RELATIONS, ACCORDING LOCAL AP; UNSIGNED LOCAL SAYS AMBASSADOR BRUCE WILL RETURN TO PEKING AND STATE DEPARTMENT HAS CANCELED PLANS FOR HIM TO MAKE A MONTH-LONG TOUR OF EUROPE, RETURN DATE NOT DECIDED, BRUCE HAS UNFORTUNATELY CONTRACTED FLU.

2. EUROPE. NYTIMES MOSCOW SAYS BAHR FAILED IN SEARCH FOR FORMULA THAT WOULD LET WEST GERMANY REPRESENT WEST BERLIN'S LEGAL INSTITUTIONS WITHIN COMMUNIST BLOC, ALTHOUGH SUCCESSFUL IN SECURING SOVIET AGREEMENT TO INTEGRATE WEST BERLIN INTO SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL EXCHANGES WITH MOSCOW.

2A. BALTSUN KEAT WASHINGTON REPORTS JUST FOUR WEEKS AFTER SEEMING TO DRIVE A WEDGE BETWEEN FRANCE AND ITS WESTERN EUROPEAN ALLIES ADMINISTRATION AGAIN IS CONFRONTING COMMART OVER ITS RELATIONSHIP TO US, WITH STATE DEPARTMENT TWICE LAST WEEK DEMONSTRATING ITS IRRITATION WITH THE NINE. SUPERFICIAL ISSUE WAS MARKET-ARAB RELATIONS, SAYS KEAT, BUT UNDERLYING ISSUE IS: HOW WILL A POLITICALLY UNIFYING WESTERN EUROPE ALIGN ITSELF WITH US? US OFFICIALS INSIST THEY WELCOME EVOLUTION OF COMMART INTO A CLOSE POLITICAL ALLIANCE, BUT THEY WANT THE ALLIANCE TO WORK FROM THE PRINCIPLE THAT IT WILL CLOSELY COORDINATE ITS EXTERNAL POLICIES WITH WASHINGTON'S, AND THIS IS WHY KISSINGER REACTED SO HEATEDLY TO DECISION ON ARABS, UNDERMINING DECISION IN WASHINGTON FOUR WEEKS EARLIER TO PREPARE A COMMON FRONT OF INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS BEFORE APPROACHING THE ARABS, SAYS KEAT. CITING US COMPLAINT ON CONSULTATION AND POSTPONEMENT OF BONN TALKS ON DECLARATION, KEAT SAYS PLAINLY KISSINGER AND WEST EUROPEANS WERE CONTINUING THEIR SPARRING MATCH OVER NATURE OF TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONSHIP; IT HAS NOT COME TO A SLUGFEST, AND THE ODDS ARE THAT IT WILL NOT--BUT IT COULD. KEAT WRITES OF TWO IRRECONCILABLE CONCEPTS: FRENCH INSISTENCE ON TOTAL INDEPENDENCE FROM US; ADMINISTRATION'S UNCLASSIFIED

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CONCEPT THAT A EUROPEAN IDENTITY, A EUROPE SPEAKING WITH ONE VOICE, DOES NOT EXCLUDE PARTNERSHIP WITH US; AND ONE US OFFICIAL POINTED OUT THAT WHAT COUNTS IS THE APPROACH. IF A EUROPEAN POSITION IS DECIDED SEPARATELY THEN COMMUNICATED TO US, THERE IS NO REAL PARTNERSHIP; IF PROBLEM IS DISCUSSED IN ADVANCE THEN THE ALLIANCE IS MEANINGFUL, EVEN IF THE PARTNERS SOMETIMES DISAGREE. STAKES IN ARGUMENT ARE HIGH, SAYS KEAT, FOR IT INVOLVES NOT JUST POLITICAL

COOPERATION ACROSS ATLANTIC BUT THE MUTUAL DEFENSE
ARRANGEMENTS THAT ALL OF THEM STILL BELIEVE NECESSARY

DESPITE THE GROWING DETENTE WITH SOVIET UNION. KEAT CON-
CLUDES SOME OF CURRENT TROUBLES IS A WAR OF NERVES, AN
ATTEMPT TO CONVINCE FRANCE'S NEIGHBORS THEY ARE BEING LED
INTO POLICIES THAT ARE NOT IN THEIR LONG-RUN INTERESTS,
BUT ADMINISTRATION TRULY SEES ISSUE AS ONE THAT WILL DETER-
MINE NATURE OF TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONSHIP FOR DECADES TO
COME.

2B. BALTSUN LEWTHWAITE PARIS REPORTS JOBERT HAS CHOSEN
THIS MOMENT TO REMIND US THAT AMERICAN TROOPS ARE STATIONED
IN EUROPE MORE OUT OF NATIONAL THAN INTERNATIONAL INTEREST,
JOBERT SAYING IN RADIO INTERVIEW HE BELIEVED ALL FRENCHMEN
AGREE WITH OUR POLICY OF INDEPENDENCE, AND ADDED THAT
FRENCH DIGNITY WAS ALSO INVOLVED.

2C. NYTIMES HAS SUNDAY REVIEW PIECE ON FRANCO-AMERICAN
BATTLE WHICH NOTES KISSINGER'S VIEW PARIS IS INCONSISTENT
WHEN IT TRIES TO SEVER EUROPE'S TIES WITH US WHILE ALSO
INSISTING US KEEP 300,000 TROOPS IN EUROPE. SOME OBSERVERS
SAY EXPLANATION OF QUARREL IS FRENCH DISLIKE OF ALL THINGS
AMERICAN, FREQUENTLY MANIFESTED DURING PAST 30 YEARS, BUT
ANOTHER POSSIBLE EXPLANATION IS THE OFFICIAL FRENCH ATTIT-
TITUDE TOWARD ALL OF HER ALLIES: HAVING HER OWN SENSE OF
MISSION, SHE WILL ACT WITH THE ALLIES SO LONG AS THEY ARE
GOING HER WAY.

2D. NYTIMES KAMM STOCKHOLM HAS LONG PIECE ON PUZZLEMENT OF
SWEDISH GOVERNMENT OVER NIXON'S DELAY IN NORMALIZING RELA-
TIONS BY SENDING AN AMBASSADOR, KAMM ADDING THAT PALME IS
WORRIED BECAUSE THIEU GOVERNMENT IS SABOTAGING ANY ATTEMPT
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TO IMPLEMENT PEACE ACCORDS, BUT PALME REFRAINED FROM CRITI-
CIZING EITHER NORTH VIETNAM, VIETCONG OR US. PALME SAID HE
WAS LESS CONCERNED ABOUT FORMAL RELATIONS THAN FOREIGN
MINISTRY, PLAME NOTING THAT TRADE IS BOOMING AND CULTURAL
AND TECHNICAL RELATIONS ARE GOING VERY WELL. FORMER
SWEDISH AMBASSADOR TO CHILE, EDELSTAM HAS MADE MANY SPEECHES
CRITICIZING AMERICAN POLICY AND WHEN HE WAS INVITED BY A
GROUP HEADED BY SENATOR HAROLD HUGHES, PALME GAVE HIM PER-
MISSION TO GO TO AMERICA ONLY AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN LIMITING
HIS REMARKS TO MATTERS HE HAD PERSONALLY OBSERVED, AND
EDELSTAM ASSURED HIS MINISTRY HE HAD NO PROOF OF AMERICAN
INVOLVEMENT IN OVERTHROW OF ALLENDE. NYTIMES HAS WASHINGTON
TRAILER REPORTING US AND SWEDISH OFFICIALS SAY KISSINGER
HAS SELECTED A CANDIDATE TO BE AMBASSADOR TO SWEDEN BUT
THAT PRESIDENT NIXON HAS YET TO APPROVE THE CHOICE. KISSINGER

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